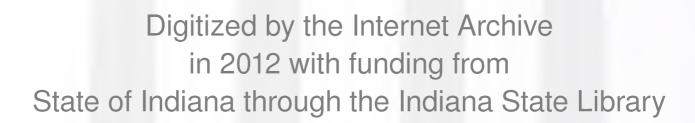


Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

Adrian Gil-Spear

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November 18, 1942

Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gentlemen:

It was suggested that we write you in connection with a hand painted picture, drawn by an artist named Adrian Gil-Spear, of Abraham Lincoln, which our company purchased several years ago for a considerable amount.

The reason we are offering this painting for sale is that our company is now in the process of liquidation and must therefore, dispose of everything we possess.

It is the writers understanding that we obtained this drawing after our company had conducted a contest known as a "Peace Contest" which was held after the first world war. A great many drawings were submittedand the picture of Lincoln won either first or second place. After the contest was concluded, the drawings were auctioned off, which will explain how we come to possess this drawing.

Should you be interested, we would be glad to make arrangements for you to see this drawing.

Yours very truly,

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The Buzza Company

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gil speen, a dreen November 20, 1942 Mr. Ray Abrahamson The Buzza Co. Minneapolis, Minn. My dear Mr. Abrahamson: I fear that we would not be interested in the acquisition of your painting, as our schedule here for att work is rather definitely established and would not permit giving your item consideration. I intend to be in Minneapolis in February, and if you have not disposed of the painting by that time. I would like to see it. Very truly yours, LAW: MP Director

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